

# Charleston News-Supplement

CHARLESTON, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1871.

## THE RICE TRADE.

THE SOURCES OF ITS PRODUCTION.  
Crops of the United States—Crops of All Other Countries—Rice One of the Royal Staples—Present Position of the Trade in the United States.

From the New York Bulletin.  
Rice was first introduced into Virginia by Sir William Berkeley in 1647, who received half a bushel of seed, from which he raised sixteen bushels of excellent rice, most of which was sent to the following year. It is now more common than wheat in the South, and is raised in all the rice-growing States, from Maryland to Texas. About 115 square miles are under culture with rice. The export of rice of this district gives employment to 700 vessels of medium size.

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That its cultivation was eminently profitable, with the ante-bellum labor system, the following estate returns of the year 1848 will show:  
FORMER PROFITABLENESS OF THE CULTURE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Plantation. Barrels. Weights. Net Inc. Prospect Hill. 1,392. 897,166 lbs. \$24,000. Springfield. 729. 580,837 lbs. 23,261. Broad River. 1,000. 736,413 lbs. 19,261. Longwood. 1,115. 736,413 lbs. 19,261. Alvestry. 486. 319,012 lbs. 8,551.

ADAPTABILITY OF CUBA AS A RICE GROWING COUNTRY.  
The editor of the Gaceta, a Cuban paper, has been shown some sprigs of rice near Matanzas, the smallest of which contained at least three hundred grains, and were of a large size. He observes that this phenomenon is not limited to a certain number of sprigs, but that the whole crop is of this size. The production is, however, to be attributed to the extraordinary abundance of rain during a portion of the year. "Here we have a specimen," says the editor, "of the enormous production that could be raised in our fields of rice, through the facility with which water is brought upon the land from the streams which fall down the face of the neighboring hills. In common seasons the return of grain is from thirty to forty-one bushels per acre, on an average, besides the straw."

ITS PRODUCTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.  
Passing eastward, rice begins to be found in Egypt, becomes more general in Northern India, and is held in high esteem in the East Indies, in China, Japan, and the East India Islands. Rice is now the staple grain produced in the Mauritius, and it produces about twenty-six thousand hundred-weight three annually. In these forms, together with Indian corn and manioc, the principle article of food among the coolies, negroes and mixed colored population.

THE PRODUCTION IN KASHMIR AND BRITISH KASHMIR.—Many of the rice lands are situated much higher than might be thought convenient in Hindostan, and are rather pressed into this species of culture than naturally adapted for it. It is still yield good crops, through the facility with which water is brought upon the land from the streams which fall down the face of the neighboring hills. In common seasons the return of grain is from thirty to forty-one bushels per acre, on an average, besides the straw.

Bengal.—The rice of Bengal, by the exercise of some care and skill, has recently been so far improved as nearly to equal that of the Carolines. Dr. Falconer has introduced rice into the numerous and fine varieties of rice cultivated in the Himalayas; of these, some of the best sorts were, a his suggestion, distributed to cultivators along the Doab Canal, Zimadga Mountains.—A species of hill rice grows on the edge of the Himalaya Mountains. The mountain rice of India are grown without irrigation, at elevations of 3000 to 6000 feet on the Himalaya, where the dampness of the summer months compensates for the want of artificial moisture.

Aracca.—The fertility of the province of Aracca is very great, its soil being fit for the culture of nearly all tropical productions; rice, however, is alone cultivated to any great extent; the low alluvial soil which extends over the whole country, from the foot of the mountains to the sea, being admirably suited for its growth. About 115 square miles are under culture with rice. The export of rice of this district gives employment to 700 vessels of medium size.

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## Grand Prize Distribution.

### THE CHARLESTON CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREE SCHOOL FUND.

Incorporated by Act of Assembly, 1870. Approved March 5th, 1871.

SECOND GRAND SINGLE NUMBER RAFFLE AND DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.

Awards of United States Gold Bonds, Diamonds, Gold Watches, Jewelry, &c., for the Benefit of the Free School Fund, will take place on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1871, At No. 147 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C., at 1 o'clock, P. M., in public.

CERTIFICATE SHARES ONE DOLLAR.

SCHEDULE OF AWARDS.

One Award of a set of Diamond Ear-Rings and Breast-pin—the diamonds are large and of the purest water. Also a large Solitaire Diamond Ring and a pair of very heavy Gold Bracelets, with Tassels (designated as No. 1 in the awards), valued at \$2,500.

One Award of one set of Diamond Ear-Rings and Breast-pin, large and pure (designated as No. 2 in the awards), valued at \$1,250.

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